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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Rejection dated August 14, 2002; the response to which is due on January 14, 2003, with a two-months' extension. Complete review of Applicant's remarks, entry of the amendments, and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested. An appropriate extension of time request for two (2) months, until January 14, 2003, is included in this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Delete all claims 1-22.~~

Add the following claims, 23 -28.

23. A synthetic conjugate of a human protein and a plurality of epitopes selected from an oligosaccharide or a mimic thereof which includes a terminal galactose in an α conformation.

24. The synthetic conjugate of Claim 23 in which the protein is serum albumin.

25. The synthetic conjugate of Claim 23 in which the epitopes are optionally linked to the protein by a spacer molecule.